

Hiddur Mitzvah—הידור מצוה

The concept of *Hiddur Mitzvah*—embellishing a mitzvah through aesthetics—is attributed to a midrash (Mekhilta de Rabbi Ishmael) on a verse in the Song of the Sea: “This is my God and I will glorify Him” (Exodus 15:2). With enhancement and adornment, the mitzvot appeal to the senses and the heart, and sacred objects and activities become even more precious.

Hiddur Mitzvah, this year’s Torah Fund theme, resonates with many Jewish women, particularly those who have been involved in artistic activities. Whether they used their embroidery skills to decorate the woven curtains for the Ark or Torah mantles in 17th-century Italy and Prague or are crafters in 21st-century women’s groups, women continue to be committed to this most ancient of Jewish values.

The pomegranate imagery of this year’s Torah Fund Pin has multilayered meaning. In addition to being beautiful, pomegranates (*rimmonim*) are one of the bountiful fruits of the Land of Israel. *Rimmonim* is also the term used for the silver adornments (finials) on the *atzei chaim* (Torah rollers) of the Sefer Torah (Torah scroll); just a little something extra that has adorned our Land, our Torah, our rituals, and mitzvot for centuries, and added meaning to our daily lives. May this year of Torah Fund activities and events be a blessing to one and all.



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women ensuring Conservative/Masorti Jewish education

Entrée:
Apricot Chicken
(vegetarian option)

\$18 per person • Reservations due Jan. 13

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Please note entrée choice on subject line.

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Women's League
of Congregation Anshei Israel
cordially invites you to our

Torah Fund Dinner

with guest speaker
Rabbi Ben Herman
presenting
"My Road to the Rabbinate"



Sunday, January 22, 2012

6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Breger Hall